

Textile News



Meeting and planning for the exciting new Textile Display Area and Workroom is Ann Fermer, Allan Tully, Agnes Tardent, Jan Banks, Gordon Davidson, Anne Tully and Nola McCullagh.

Textile News

Well here we are in the second month of 2013 already. After a very eventful beginning to the year, I hope the rest of the year is a healthy and happy and safe one for everyone! I know it is going to be a very exciting year for all of us with the completion of the new extensions to our Museum! There will be many changes and one of them will be our Textile group moving to a new Textile Area which will be situated where the Collection area is at present.

It will be a little while before this can happen. When the new extensions are ready, the items in the collection area will have to be moved to the new building and then the ceilings, rooms etc will have to be built for our area. Our workroom and storage area will be then be moved down to a new room at the back of the old Collection room with the area in front of it for the Textile displays. We are looking forward to being able to display some of the beautiful and interesting items in our collection and are currently working on ideas for these displays.

During the year our group visited different Textile Exhibitions held in Brisbane, the last one in December was the Gwen Gillam Fashion Exhibition at the Qld Museum and was very interesting and of course we were looking for ideas at the same time for our new area.

In June last year we also started a project of making items for sale at reception, we have tried to make items relating to earlier times such as the French Knitting sets. We have knitted and sewn toys and other items, some of the sewn toys have been made from patterns from a 1972 Women's Weekly. Ann Fermer is our Teddy Bear expert; children have loved Teddy Bears for generations. Agnes Tardent has made knitting needle holders which are difficult to find now in the shops. A big thank you goes to Graham McGill who kindly donated a large amount of wool and other items for our project and to June Berry for knitting some lovely toys as well. So far we have made \$453 profit for the Museum.

Thank you to all those who donated used Birthday/Christmas cards last year. If you have any you do not want this year, could you please leave them at reception as they can also be used for some future craft projects.

Jan Banks